

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 to read as follows:

This is a divisional application of application serial no. [[_____]]
09/986,299, attorney docket no. 501.40830X00 (HIROI, et al.), filed November 8,
2001.

Page 68, amend paragraph [0136] to read as follows:

[0136] The invention ~~may~~may be embodied in other specific forms without
departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The present
embodiments are therefore to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not
restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather
than by the foregoing description and all changes which care within the meaning and
range of equivalency of the claims are therefore intended to be embraced therein.